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MISCELLANEOUS DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Proposal to amend Chapter 5.4 documentation

Transmitted by the Expert from Sweden and the Representative of the European Confederation of Paint, Printing Ink and Artists Colours Manufacturers Association (CEPE)

At the fourteenth session of the Sub-Committee, papers ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/58 and Informal Document INF25 were submitted by CEPE and the Expert from Sweden respectively, which sought to harmonise Dangerous Goods Transport Documentation requirements across all modes and improve their use.

The Expert from Sweden and the representative from CEPE have subsequently started work in accordance with paragraph 99 of the report of the meeting, ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/28 (page 15). Requests for information have been sent to representatives of Governments, Emergency Services, Modal Regulatory Bodies et alia, and this work is continuing. As some of the bodies contacted meet infrequently, it is anticipated that this work and the collation of the results, could take another 12-18 months to complete and enable a firm proposal for the revision of Chapter 5.4, Documentation, to be made to the Sub-Committee.

A CEFACT Working Group, the ITPWG (International Trade Procedures Working Group), at their meeting in March 1998, noted and supported the CEPE paper. It was agreed that an Ad Hoc Sub Group of the ITPWG dealing with dangerous goods would be established later this year, to examine the revision of Recommendation No. 11 of the ECE Working Party on the Facilitation of International Trade Procedures in conjunction with a future proposal from Sweden and CEPE to the Sub-Committee. It is hoped that their proposals for the revision of Recommendation No. 11 will be submitted to the Sub-Committee for their consideration.